

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated February 12, 2004, restriction was required to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-3, 7, 9, 10, 26 and 27, drawn to a method for scanning articles with a label, classified in Class 235, subclass 461;
- II. Claims 17-19, drawn to a labeling system, classified in class 235, subclass 383;
- III. Claims 20-24, drawn to a sorting system, classified in class 235, subclass 375; and
- IV. Claims 28-33, drawn to a mail piece, classified in Class 235, subclass 468.

Applicant elects to pursue the claims of Group I in this application. Claims 17-19, 20-24 and 28-33 are herewith canceled without prejudice to the filing of a divisional or continuing application drawn to the same or similar subject matter.


Applicant also notes that pending claim 25 is part of Group I.

It is believed that no additional fees are due. However, if this is incorrect, please charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1588.

Applicant has made an earnest effort to place the case in condition for allowance. In the event that the rejection of the pending claims is maintained, it is requested that the amendment be

entered to clarify the issues on appeal. Favorable action and passage of the case to issue are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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